

The Weekly Ledger.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 4.

The Republican leaders in the House do not appear to be leading to any marked extent.

When speaking of Mexico will be in good shape. The business men are preparing for it.

The Republican Gold Standard bill is a good thing for the bankers and money kings who furnished the money to put the Republican party in power.

An exchange refers to McKinley as "the Napoleon of American politics." He is, and the Democrats are preparing a political St. Helena for his occupancy early next year.

ALGER is showing a disposition to take enough time from the book he is writing to let the administration know that he is feeling quite warm and has stingers to throw away.

THE KANSAS CITY TIMES says: Bob White was re-elected Recording Secretary of the National Editorial Association. The man who has been Bob getting re-elected to secretaryship has not been born yet.

MR. MCKINLEY will have to clarify his Philippine Commissioner statement if he keeps on talking about the trust compact Republicans do to their legislative bidding. Perhaps his free talk is why Mr. Schurman is not to be a member of the new commission.

W. E. GRAY, general superintendent of the Chicago & Alton, tells the people of Elgin, over his signature, that there will be no change of the division terminal from Elgin, and that the company is not considering such a move. Elgin has been counting on securing the prize and had raised a large bonus looking to this end.

HON. WM. J. BRYAN showed how little truth there was in the report that he opposed the shooting of July 4 for holding the Democratic National Convention by saying: "The party will proclaim a second declaration of independence this year, and I deem it especially appropriate that it be done on the nation's day of freedom."

W. T. CANNON, State School Superintendent, says that the State printer has been so crowded with work on the revised statutes and road laws that it has been impossible to furnish the revised school laws for distribution sooner. Within a few days a full supply will be furnished all county commissioners. Teachers, presidents and clerks of school boards should call on them for copies.

BOOKKEEPERS must be juggling with figures relating to the finances of Cuba. According to an official statement made by Secretary Root, in answer to a Congressional resolution, the Cuban receipts for '99 exceeded the expenditures by more than \$5,000,000. Several days ago Senator Tamm, secretary of government, made an official statement showing a deficit of nearly two and a half million dollars in the finances of Havana.

NUMERICALLY the Boers are the preponderating white element in South Africa. They are two and a half times as numerous as all the British settlers in the country. Three-fifths of the population of Cape Colony are Boers. As many Boers live in that colony as in the two republic together. Cape Town has a large Boer population. The citizens of Port Elizabeth boast that their town is the most British in the colony because very few Boers live there.

THE KANSAS CITY correspondent of the St. Louis Republic says: "The Democratic State Committee has cut loose from its former custom and opened a new field for politicians. According to precedent, candidates for State office should not be nominated until after the National Convention. The committee has reversed this and the State Nominating Convention will be held nearly a month earlier. Less than two weeks later the Delegate Convention will be held."

ALL super-minded and respectable people will be glad to know that Mrs. Netherland's sensational play, "Bapho," has been suppressed in New York. The actress and co-defendants were held in \$500 bail, each, to the Court of Special Sessions, where they will be doubtless be convicted. This is the proper way to handle such plays as "Bapho." If people do not object to the fact that they have not sufficient self-respect to remain away from such performances the police magistrates are to be praised for stepping forward and forcibly rigging down the curtain.

It is now given out from the east that the New York Democrats will support Bryan, if necessary. It is to be hoped that this is true. The delegates-at-large from New York to the National Convention in Kansas City are David B. Hill, Richard Croker, Edward Murphy and Augustus Van Wyck, and the present programme is that the New York Democrats shall go right along with the Bryan tide. It there appears to be no chance of stemming it, and to keep the party united with the hope of being able to elect their State ticket this fall, with Van Wyck again at its head.

There is printed with the school law a course of study for rural and village schools, prepared by the State Superintendent. It is full and comprehensive and should be carefully studied by all interested. It may not meet with general approval on short acquaintance, but, like most meritorious things, will improve as it is better understood. Pupils completing this course will be given a state certificate of graduation, which will admit them to any school of next higher grade. Many county commissioners are arranging for county graduating exercises to be held either in March or April.

Under the order made by the Democratic State Committee at Kansas City Tuesday, Andrus county will have thirteen delegates to the Kansas City Convention and eight to the Jefferson County and Sedalia Conventions. The delegates were apportioned on the basis of the Bryan vote of 1896—for each 500 votes, or fraction amounting to one-half or over in the case of the nominating convention at Kansas City, June 6, and one for each 500 votes, or major fraction, for the convention to choose national delegates and the judicial convention. In 1896 the vote of Andrus for Bryan was 2,844.

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HILL WILL VOTE FOR BRYAN

New Yorker to Attend Democratic Convention.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 3.—Former Governor David B. Hill will be a delegate to the National Democratic Convention to be held at Kansas City, and to that convention will vote for William Jennings Bryan as a candidate for the presidency.

Such was the statement of a prominent Democratic politician here tonight. Senator Hill himself was reticent from expressing himself upon the subject. Those in a position to know, however, say that Senator Hill's determination to vote for Mr. Bryan is evidence of a revolution of sentiment which has taken place during the past year.

"At the convention four years ago," continued this speaker, "Mr. Bryan had no more able or determined opponent than Senator Hill. His opposition then was not to Mr. Bryan, but to his silver policy. He stands today in that of the leading Democrat of the State as voiced by Senator Cushman in the famous speech of a few weeks ago, in which he declared that the silver issue was to be subordinate to the question of imperialism. In this attitude Mr. Hill earnestly acquiesces."

"He does not in any instance expect Bryan to forfeit his devotion to the cause of his political career, but he believes that the silver issue will be subordinate to other issues, and that the cause of imperialism and anti-trust of such greater importance as to command his acceptance even of the undesirable silver plank in the platform."

SEVERAL EMPLOYMENT. Many Men Have Gone to St. Louis to Secure Positions With Street Car Lines.

Since the appearance of an "ad" in the local papers to the effect that many "good, sober, industrious" men could get employment on the street car lines in St. Louis, many men have left here for St. Louis. They were practically guaranteed work.

It now seems that the action of gathering men from the small towns was but an effort on the part of the St. Louis Transit Co. to guard against a possible strike and close-down. J. M. Frost, of St. Louis, representing the above named company, was the man who had the advertisement inserted in the local papers and stated that the consolidation of roads, the building of new roads and the general remodeling of the system called for more men. He declared that a strike was anticipated.

Among those who have gone to St. Louis to get positions with the street car companies are: Ed. Egan, Harvey Eubank, Bennett Beamer, Frank Fritz, "Salie" Hoar, John Reid, Sam Byrne, Wm. Barkwell, Richard Ashworth, Henry Fisher, John H. Owen, George Whaley, Tom Burhop, Chas. Dohy, Late Staples, Frank Wells, Wm. Hape, Chas. Karnes and Clarence Clement.

"INCURABLE" HEART DISEASE SOON CURED. During the last two or three years very great improvement has been made in the treatment of disease of the heart. Consequently cured heart disease is no longer a life sentence. The well known specialist in treating heart disease, Franklin M. M. D. L. L. R. of Chicago, has now ready to use a new remedy. This remedy is for the purpose of demonstrating the unusual cures possible of the new treatment of heart disease, and is a short, safe, reliable, and effective remedy. It is the result of twenty-four years of careful study, extensive research, and remarkable experience in treating the various ailments of the heart, stomach and nerves, which so often complicate each case.

The treatment is prepared expressly for each patient, as the result is very much more certain and rapid than that from heart disease. Few physicians have so much success in their remedies. And there is no reason why all afflicted persons should not be cured. The remedy is a short, safe, reliable, and effective remedy. It is the result of twenty-four years of careful study, extensive research, and remarkable experience in treating the various ailments of the heart, stomach and nerves, which so often complicate each case.

THEY ARE RATHER COSTLY. The Price America Pays for the Philippine Islands. WASHINGTON, March 3.—Coinciding with the completion of the commission, comes a report to Congress from the War Department, giving a statement covering the military operations in the Philippines for the period from May 1, 1899, to November 1, 1899.

This statement shows that there has been a total expenditure in the islands by the army alone of \$46,928,000. Of this sum \$25,712,001.61 was expended by the Quartermaster's Department; the Subsistence Department spent \$8,560,000; the Pay Department \$10,323,134.50; the Ordnance Department \$1,560,329.43; the Secretary of War spent \$7,797.93.

This is in addition to the \$20,000,000 paid to Spain for the islands. JUDGE T. A. CATRON DEAD. Practiced Magnetic Healing and Died of Quick Consumption. COLUMBIA, Mo., March 3.—A dispatch was received here today by the family of Judge T. A. Catron, announcing his death at Las Vegas, N. M. The circumstances of his death were rather unusual. He formerly practiced magnetic healing at Columbia, Mo., and intended to locate at Columbia, where his family has resided for several years. Judge Catron was a strong, healthy man, and there was great astonishment among his friends when he was suddenly attacked by a most violent and rapid form of consumption. In two weeks he was almost a total wreck. He hastened to New Mexico, hoping that the climate would save him, but he died shortly afterward. His family believe that he contracted the disease while treating consumptive patients, as no other reason can be given for his sudden affliction. The deceased had an extensive practice. He will be buried at Lexington, Missouri.

A MARVELOUS OFFERING!

CHOICE OF HUNDREDS OF MEN'S FINE SUITS

FOR

\$5.00.

AND HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN'S KNEE PANT SUITS FOR

\$2.00.

We have just completed our annual inventory and we have taken all our SUITS that are broken in sizes—numbering about TWO HUNDRED MEN'S SUITS—and consolidated them into one grand lot and give you choice of any suit at \$5.00. These Suits are this season's goods and many of them are from our \$10.00, \$12.00 and \$15.00 ranges, and none worth less than \$7.50. This is positively the greatest value offering ever made in this community.

A Deep Cut in Overcoats!

Not one of them will be carried over if our great reduction in price will move them.

WINTER UNDERWEAR!

SLASHING AND CUTTING values of odds and ends in Winter Underwear. Going to be sold at a great sacrifice. All odds and ends must go.

THIS SALE BEGINS

On Saturday Morning, March 10.

Be on hand early. You must be quick. Sale lasts 1 week only.

Joe & Vic Barth,

THE BIG CLOTHIERS,

MEXICO, MISSOURI.

A CONTEST FOR GIRLS

Under 14 Years Old.

Beginning with this one, cut out and save all our "advertisements" containing a BUCK'S TRADE MARK.

Bring these ads to our store neatly tied up in packages, plainly addressed with the owner's name and residence and the number of ads, which the package contains. The ads. will be counted and the little girl having the most will receive as a prize the

BUCK'S JUNIOR RANGE.

Now on exhibition in our store. Call around and see the prize.

This contest will last until JUNE 1, 1900. Little girls in the country will stand the same chance as town girls. The same ads. will be in the weekly and daily papers.



BUCK'S V.O.P. KING

THE PRICE AMERICA PAYS FOR THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

FINEST GROCERIES

At the Very Lowest Prices!

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| 12 small boxes good Parlor Matches..... | 5c |
| Knox's Gelatine, per package..... | 10c |
| 3 lb. sacks fine Table Salt that will not get hard..... | 4c |
| California Table Peaches, extra nice, worth 20c per can; our price..... | 15c |
| Salt Mackerel, nice size, two for..... | 15c |
| Salt White fish, per pound..... | 5c |
| Smoked Bloaters, two for 3 twists of Tobacco..... | 5c |
| Enameline Stove Polish, per box..... | 4c |
| Diamond Axle Grease in wood boxes..... | 3c |

Your Money's Worth or Your Money Back.

Smith Bros.,

Mexico's Lowest Priced Grocery Store.

Free Delivery. New Postoffice Building. Phone 278.

1900--THE SPRING SEASON--1900.

This don't look much like spring, does it? But it is not far off—so near that you have thought of Spring Clothing. We Will Be Able! To show you a grand array of Men's, Boys' and Children's Clothing, Furnishing Goods, Hats, Caps, Novelties. WE HAVE SELECTED These with great care and painstaking and we are sure we have bought the right things to please our customers. EVERYTHING IS NEW AND UP-TO-DATE! Some of these goods are already in and coming every day and you are invited to step in and see the Spring Styles.

KEMP & PEARSON CLOTHING CO.

These with great care and painstaking and we are sure we have bought the right things to please our customers.

PUBLIC SALE

Highly Bred Hereford Cattle

At Neoga, Illinois,

Wednesday, March 14, 1900.

Forty-Three Bulls and Cows will be Sold.

These cattle are all of desirable ages, are in No. 1 good condition, are selected from a herd of 125 head and were all bred by the seller. Each animal will be sold separately and to the highest bidder and upon the fall of the hammer becomes his property, but will be cared for after the sale and will be loaded upon the cars free of charge, but at the owner's risk. Sale will be under cover. Every statement made by the seller on day of sale will be guaranteed.

TERMS OF SALE.—Terms of sale will be cash or bankable paper. Parties desiring to make arrangements for time will please do so prior to the hour for the sale. Sale commences promptly at 1 o'clock on Wednesday, March 14.

Col. J. W. JURY, Auctioneer.

Friday, the 30th Day of March, 1900.

It is the duty of the County Clerk of Madison County, Illinois, to give notice of the sale of the real estate of the late J. W. JURY, deceased, to the heirs and next of kin of the said J. W. JURY, and to the creditors of the said J. W. JURY, and to the public generally, that the real estate of the said J. W. JURY, deceased, will be sold at public auction, to wit: on Friday, the 30th day of March, 1900, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Court House in the City of Madison, Illinois, the real estate of the said J. W. JURY, deceased, to-wit: the south half (1/2) of the northeast quarter (1/4) of section 36, township 35 north, range 10 east, 2nd Meridian, as per U. S. survey. Also all the right of way, consisting of 1/2 mile of road, running from the southeast corner of the south half (1/2) of the northeast quarter (1/4) of section 36, township 35 north, range 10 east, 2nd Meridian, to the southeast corner of the south half (1/2) of the northeast quarter (1/4) of section 36, township 35 north, range 10 east, 2nd Meridian, as per U. S. survey. Also all the right of way, consisting of 1/2 mile of road, running from the southeast corner of the south half (1/2) of the northeast quarter (1/4) of section 36, township 35 north, range 10 east, 2nd Meridian, to the southeast corner of the south half (1/2) of the northeast quarter (1/4) of section 36, township 35 north, range 10 east, 2nd Meridian, as per U. S. survey. Also all the right of way, consisting of 1/2 mile of road, running from the southeast corner of the south half (1/2) of the northeast quarter (1/4) of section 36, township 35 north, range 10 east, 2nd Meridian, to the southeast corner of the south half (1/2) of the northeast quarter (1/4) of section 36, township 35 north, range 10 east, 2nd Meridian, as per U. S. survey.

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Agents to sell On

Fruit Farm nurse stock. Apply in person at farm, 2 1/2 miles south of Mexico, by mail to...

T. R. PEYTON

Manager, Mexico, Mo.

An Invitation

Is extended to all customers and friends of the public generally to in and inspect our new Goods, Silks, Etc., which have just received. We have the new things and please them, and don't forget, we have headquarters on Embellish, Laces and White Goods. Our new Gingham, Cotton Batistes, Percales, etc., beauties. Come in and show them to you.

Respectfully

Brown & Smith

SOUTH SIDE SQUARE

A NOTICE OF

Democratic Committee

To the Members of the Democratic

Committee of Madison County, Mo.

You are hereby notified that

will be a meeting of said com-

mittee at the grand jury room, in the

city of Mexico, at 11 o'clock a. m., on

Monday, the 13th day of March,

1900,

for the purpose of determining

the manner of nominating

Democratic county ticket and the

transaction of any other business

may come before said committee

members are urged to be present

that the Democracy of the

may be fully represented.

HENRY WILSON, Chairman.